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Attached is Amendment A in response to Office Action Dated January 11, 2005, for our application No. 10/717,768, filed November 20, 2003. Atty. Docket No. US20030359.

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**Invention:** Dishwasher and Adjustable Rack  
**Serial No.** 10/717,768  
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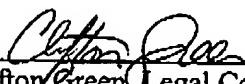
## REMARKS

This is in response to the outstanding office action of January 11, 2005, wherein the Examiner required election of a single disclosed species for the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: (a) the species of fig. 3; (b) the species of figs. 12A-B; (c) the species of fig. 13A; (d) the species of fig 17A; and (e) the species of fig. 19.

The Applicant hereby elects (a) the species of fig. 3, Claims 1-8, 13-20, 21-27 and 32-39 read thereon, without traverse. The Applicant notes that upon the allowance

of generic claims, the Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species

Respectfully submitted,

  
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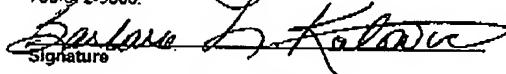
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